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We Want to Be a Partner in EPA's
National Partnership for Environmental Priorities

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PARTNER AGREEMENT

Our organization is choosing to become a partner in EPA's National Partnership for Environmental Priorities. Our goal is to reduce the quantity of one or more Priority Chemicals currently found in our products, processes, or releases using techniques such as source reduction, recycling, or other materials management practices. In this enrollment application, we identify one or more voluntary goals that we believe we can achieve as partners in this program. The voluntary goal(s) provided below is an initial estimate and may change over time. We may revise our goal(s) or withdraw from the program at any time. If/when we choose to revise our goals or withdraw from the program, we will notify EPA.

GOAL #1. Chemical Name: Mercury **CASRN:** 7439-97-6
Narrative description of proposed project:
We are taking the mercury challenge. UTMB will reduce mercury-bearing equipment, such as blood pressure units, by switching to alternatives, eliminating over 10 percent of the mercury used on campus.. We have inventoried mercury-bearing equipment and designated funds to replace it. We have also established a mercury-free purchasing policy.

How we will measure success:
We will measure success by comparing the amount of mercury removed from campus to a 2005 baseline assessment.

1a. Our voluntary **source reduction** goal for Chemical #1 is to reduce the amount of this chemical generated/used from a baseline amount of 125 pounds in October, 2006 (month/year) to a reduced amount of 15 pounds generated/used by October, 2009 (month/year).

1b. To accomplish this goal, we will use the following source reduction options (check all that apply):

- _____ Equipment or technology modifications.
- _____ Process or procedure modifications.
- _____ Reformulation or redesign of products.
- _____ Substitution of less toxic raw materials.
- _____ Improvements in inventory control.
- _____ Improvements in maintenance/housekeeping practices.
- X Other (describe): Replace mercury-bearing equipment in patient care areas on campus.

2a. In addition to, or in lieu of using source reduction methods, our voluntary **recycling or recovery** goal for Chemical #1 is to increase the recycled or recovered quantity of this chemical from a baseline amount of _____ pounds in _____ (month/year) to an increased quantity of _____ pounds by _____ (month/year).

2b. To accomplish this recycling or recovery goal, we will use the following options (check all that apply):

- _____ Direct use/reuse in a process to make a product.
- _____ Processing the waste to recover or regenerate a usable product.
- _____ Using/reusing waste as a substitute for a commercial product.
- _____ Other (describe): _____

3. We have a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan for data (check which applies). X Yes _____ No

Please use supplemental sheets for additional goals.